

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1-51 (Canceled)

52. (New) A variegated polymeric article, comprising:

an underlying tinted substrate covered by a capstock, wherein the capstock comprises a plurality of color streaks and a substantially clear capstock layer through which coloration of the underlying tinted substrate is observed to provide a three-dimensional effect of the color streaks above the underlying tinted substrate and in the substantially clear capstock layer.

53. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 52 wherein said substrate comprises tinted polyvinyl chloride.

54. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 52 wherein said substantially clear capstock layer is substantially untinted.

55. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 52 wherein said substantially clear capstock layer comprises a methacrylic acid based resin that is substantially free of ultraviolet resistant material.

56. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 52 wherein said substantially clear capstock layer comprises impact modified poly methyl methacrylate resin that is substantially free of ultraviolet resistant material.

57. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 52, wherein said substantially clear capstock layer comprises a substantially clear polymer, and said color streaks are formed by weatherable pigment in an organic carrier resin.

58. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 52, comprising:
an embossed surface simulating wood grain on the capstock layer.

59. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 52 wherein the variegated polymeric article is shaped with a siding profile to comprise a variegated siding panel.

60. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 52 wherein the variegated polymeric article is shaped with a siding profile and an embossed surface simulating wood grain on the capstock layer to comprise a variegated siding panel, and
the variegated siding panel is provided with holes at predetermined locations for fasteners to attach the panel to a building.

61. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 52, wherein the substantially clear capstock layer includes an ultraviolet resistant material of less than about twelve parts per hundred in a substantially clear polymer.

62. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 61, wherein the ultraviolet resistant material comprises titanium dioxide, and the substantially clear polymer comprises a methacrylic acid based resin.

63. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 61, wherein the ultraviolet resistant material comprises titanium dioxide, and the substantially clear polymer comprises impact modified poly methyl methacrylate.

64. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 61 wherein said substrate comprises tinted polyvinyl chloride.

65. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 61, wherein the substantially clear capstock layer comprises a substantially clear polymer, and said color streaks are formed by weatherable pigment in an organic carrier resin.

66. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 61, comprising:
an embossed surface configuration simulating wood grain on the capstock layer.

67. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 61 wherein the variegated polymeric article is shaped with a siding profile to comprise a variegated siding panel.

68. (New) The variegated polymeric article of claim 61 wherein the variegated polymeric article is shaped with a siding profile and an embossed surface configuration simulating wood grain on the capstock layer to comprise a variegated siding panel, and

the variegated siding panel is provided with holes at predetermined locations for fasteners to attach the panel to a building.

69. (New) A method of manufacturing the variegated polymeric article of claim 52, comprising:

melting a tinted substrate material to provide a viscous substrate material, and extruding the viscous substrate material to form the underlying tinted substrate;

mixing pellets comprising weatherable pigment in an organic carrier resin with a substantially clear capstock material, while melting the substantially clear capstock material to provide a viscous capstock material;

mixing the viscous capstock material and the pellets prior to melting the organic carrier resin of the pellets;

mixing the viscous capstock material and the pellets while melting the organic carrier resin of the pellets to provide the weatherable pigment in a viscous organic carrier resin;

extruding the viscous capstock material together with the weatherable pigment in the viscous organic carrier resin to provide the capstock; and

laminating the capstock and the underlying tinted substrate to provide the substantially clear capstock layer through which coloration of the underlying tinted substrate is observed to provide the three-dimensional effect of the color streaks above the underlying tinted substrate and in the substantially clear capstock layer.

70. (New) The method of claim 69 wherein laminating the capstock and the underlying tinted substrate comprises coextruding the capstock and the underlying tinted substrate.

71. (New) The method of claim 69, comprising:

embossing a surface configuration simulating wood grain on the capstock layer.

72. (New) The method of claim 69, comprising:

shaping the variegated polymeric article with a siding profile to comprise a variegated siding panel.

73. (New) The method of claim 69, comprising:

embossing a surface configuration simulating wood grain on the capstock layer;

shaping the variegated polymeric article with a siding profile to comprise a variegated siding panel; and

providing the variegated siding panel with holes at predetermined locations for fasteners to attach the panel to a building.

74. (New) The method of claim 69 wherein;

said melting a tinted substrate material to provide a viscous substrate material, and said extruding the viscous substrate material to form the underlying tinted substrate is performed in a first extruder;

said mixing pellets comprising weatherable pigment in an organic carrier resin with a substantially clear capstock material, while melting the substantially clear capstock material to provide a viscous capstock material is performed at a first temperature in a zone of a second extruder or in two zones of the second extruder;

said mixing the viscous capstock material and the pellets prior to melting the organic carrier resin of the pellets is performed at a second temperature in another zone of the second extruder;

said mixing the viscous capstock material and the pellets while melting the organic carrier resin of the pellets to provide the weatherable pigment in a viscous organic carrier resin is performed at a third temperature in a further zone of the second extruder; and

said laminating the capstock and the tinted substrate comprises coextruding the capstock and the tinted substrate in a third extruder.

75. (New) The method of claim 69 wherein;

said mixing pellets comprising weatherable pigment in an organic carrier resin with a substantially clear capstock material, while melting the substantially clear capstock material to provide a viscous capstock material is performed at a first temperature below a softening point temperature of the organic carrier resin;

said mixing the viscous capstock material and the pellets prior to melting the organic carrier resin of the pellets is performed at a second temperature substantially at or slightly below the melting point of the organic carrier resin; and

said mixing the viscous capstock material and the pellets while melting the organic carrier resin of the pellets to provide the weatherable pigment in a viscous organic carrier resin is performed at a third temperature.

76. (New) The method of claim 75 wherein;

said melting a tinted substrate material to provide a viscous substrate material, and extruding the viscous substrate material to form the underlying tinted substrate is performed in a first extruder;

said mixing pellets comprising weatherable pigment in an organic carrier resin with a substantially clear capstock material, while melting the substantially clear capstock material to provide a viscous capstock material is performed at the first temperature in a zone of a second extruder or in two zones of the second extruder;

said mixing the viscous capstock material and the pellets prior to melting the organic carrier resin of the pellets is performed at the second temperature in another zone of the second extruder; and

said mixing the viscous capstock material and the pellets while melting the organic carrier resin of the pellets to provide the weatherable pigment in a viscous organic carrier resin is performed at the third temperature in a further zone of the second extruder.